

**CLASS TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR III
(DEM)**

Class Code: 02265400

Pay Grade: 32

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CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Within the Department of Environmental Management, to plan, direct, supervise and review the work of staff engaged in the detection and investigation of alleged violations of the criminal statutes relating to the protection of the environment, including but not limited to the Hazardous Waste Management Act, the Refuse Disposal Act, Water Pollution Statutes and any other rule, regulation and state statute relating to the environment subject to regulation and enforcement by the Department; as assigned, to apprehend and prosecute persons and/or companies in violation of such statutes; to investigate internal matters at the direction of the Chief and as ordered by the Director; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general administrative direction of the Chief, Office of Criminal Investigation with considerable latitude for the exercise of independent judgment; work is reviewed through ongoing consultation and review of reports for conformance to law, policies, rules, regulations, and organizational goals and objectives.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Plans, assigns, supervises, and reviews the work of other investigators and clerical employees engaged in the program.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

Within the Department of Environmental Management, to plan, direct, supervise and review the work of staff engaged in the investigation of alleged violations of the criminal statutes relating to the protection of the environment, including but not limited to the Hazardous Waste Management Act, Refuse Disposal Act, Water Pollution Statutes and any other rule, regulation and state statute relating to the environment subject to regulation and enforcement by the Department.

To apprehend and prosecute persons and/or companies in violation of such statutes.

To plan, assign, supervise and review the work of subordinates assigned to assist in such investigations and to review and to evaluate their findings.

To direct the case preparation for board and/or administrative hearings and/or court presentation including but not limited to interviewing witnesses and taking their statements, and reviewing and obtaining records and other documents appropriate and necessary for compiling records and evidence.

To utilize electronic equipment, computer software, automated databases and related technology and equipment in the performance of investigatory tasks such as case tracking, case reports, dissemination of information, research, etc.

To make arrests as provided by law.

To prepare, review, and execute search and seizure warrants and arrest warrants.

To appear before boards and/or courts and provide testimony.

To cooperate with state, local and federal law enforcement authorities in the enforcement of state and federal laws, rules and regulations involving violations committed in such aforementioned areas of illegal activities and coordinate departmental investigative activities and operations with such law enforcement agencies as required.

To review records and prepare reports.

To carry firearms as authorized.

To investigate internal matters at the direction of the Chief and as ordered by the Director.

As directed, to serve as Chief in the absence of the Chief.

To develop and implement a training program for local and state authorities involving the prevention and detection of violations of the Hazardous Waste Management Act, Refuse Disposal Act, Water Pollution Statutes, and pertinent environmental laws regulated by the department.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of the provisions of state and pertinent federal laws and regulations relative to the protection of the environment against illegal disposal, storage, transportation, and treatment of hazardous waste within the state and the ability to apply such knowledge in the enforcement of such laws, rules, and regulations to protect life and property; a thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of environmental protection as they relate to hazardous waste, solid waste, water pollution and other pertinent environmental laws, rules, and regulations; the ability to supervise and conduct a program of investigations; to prepare cases for board and court presentation, and to appear before boards and in court and give testimony; the ability to train and supervise subordinates assigned to assist; the ability to cooperate with state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of environmental laws and to coordinate departmental operations with the activities of such law enforcement agencies; the ability to qualify with and carry firearms; the ability to deal with others in a tactful and courteous manner; the ability to synthesize and analyze data and other information; the ability to prepare oral and written reports; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Environmental Sciences or closely related discipline; and,

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: extensive employment as a law enforcement officer in a supervisory capacity within a public or federal law enforcement agency involving the investigation of and assisting in the prosecution of crimes.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Conditions for appointment:

1. Must possess a Motor Vehicle Operator's License issued by the State of Rhode Island.
2. Must meet the State of Rhode Island qualification requirements to carry weapons used in the performance of duty and must maintain such qualification requirements as a condition of employment.
3. Must, at the time of application and thereafter, continually meet all the requirements that are necessary for entry into the Municipal Police Training Academy (i.e. hearing, vision, fitness, etc.).
4. Must be certified by the State of Rhode Island Commission on Standards and Training (Chapter 42-28.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended) to be evidenced by graduation from the Municipal Police Training Academy. In accordance with RIGL 42-28.3-1, no person shall be appointed in any capacity until they shall have been evaluated and tested by a certified psychologist specified by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management and receive a satisfactory rating.
5. Must, at the time of application and continually thereafter, be free from any and all felony convictions.

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